

## **R7 Superfund AERR Staff Meeting—October 24, 2016**

**R1: Johnson                      R2: Schuette                      Day Phones: Amer Safadi**  
**Night Phones M-Thurs: Fisher                      Weekend Phones: Joe Davis**

### **National IMAT Team**

44 people from different regions representing leadership positions were at this meeting. Headquarters developed SOPs and some meeting members worked on those SOPs other members worked in community scenarios. The commitment requires members to be on call every four months. Being on call lasts an entire month and members must be ready to deploy within 24-48 hours. This is a total of 25% being on call. Region 6 and Region 7 are considered a team and both rotate every 4 months.

### **Texhoma**

Several OSCs are leaving today heading toward Lake Texhoma and Dennison, Texas. The training venue is a state park (Eisenhower State Park) and starts Tuesday at noon tomorrow. The training is ICS related but mostly data management after the first 72 hours. The team will be going to find targets. Texas and Oklahoma state and local agencies will be attending this training as well. This is an ongoing exercise plan from headquarters for CORE readings. Next year region 7 hosts this training and will require a lot of contract funding and staff will be planning early.

### **OSC Academy 12/5-12/9/2016**

This training will be held in Denver, Colorado and OSCs will be staying at the Sheridan hotel on the mall. The trainings being offered are: oil emergency response, oil remedial, CPRN-Biological, CERCLA and leadership. The training is shorter two day tracks and OSCs have the freedom to choose. No outside members will be attending but outside agencies may be allowed to attending on a limited basis in the future. Headquarters is paying for the lodging and has updates. There is also a Level A B C training plan that is opened up for modification and OSCs can influence this plan. Send an email to your supervisor ASAP if you don't want to go. Todd Campbell and Heath Smith will be sending out more information.

Currently the following OSCs are scheduled for the below listed classes:

Oil Emergency Removal	Frey, Campbell
Oil Removal	M. Davis, J. Davis, Doherty
CERCLA	Luetke, Larson, Brown
CBRN	Schademann, Schuette, Mahler

**\*\*Send an email to Adam (even if you're not going) so management knows who is covering sites. Adam is drafting a memo and planning travel.**

### **VI**

6 sites previously known to have ground water contamination are now being considered as vapor intrusion sites. There are 4 more sites in Kansas and VI will be on the agenda in the R7 January training.

### **Neodesha Drum Recovery**

All 27 drums were recovered and went to the Chanute landfill.

### **Eco Activists**

Activists in North Dakota are creating havoc. The National Security Council reports 6 incidents where activities shut off valves. If these valves are not fixed quickly pipelines can erupt and cause concerns. Region 10 confirmed pipeline problems. Contact your counterparts and make them aware of the tampering.

### **Overtime/Comp time**

These forms are due 3 days before site work happens. Emergency responses are the only exception to the 3 day rule. Travel comp time must be reported well in advance also. If you have an overtime authorization but did not work overtime, let your timekeeper know.

### **Risk Communication training**

Adam reported this training was great! It's part of the contract to assist, so call if the need arises. Handouts are available.

2018 Community Involvement will be held in Kansas City.

### **MGP Ingredients Inc. Chlorine Release, Atchinson, Kansas**

The incident of a tanker truck connecting to the wrong pipeline creating a chlorine plume occurred around 0800 Friday, October 21. EPA did not receive notification until 0922. The NRC requirement impacted EPA's response. Scott Hayes is looking into NRC reporting. There was criticism on site for untimely reporting.

The local fire department was on scene around 0900 and completed a water deluge.

The MGP employee that connected to the wrong pipeline (pipeline was properly labeled) is in the intensive care. 80 people were in the hospital from driving into the plume or being directly impacted. Five people on site were evacuated.

This made national news and local media, the FBI, FEMA, etc. called the EPA. Dave Bryant, OPA, assisted SUPR as did Scott Hayes and members of his staff.

Paul Doherty, R1, arrived on scene close to 1300. Kumud continued to answer the spill lines and Doug Ferguson assisted by finding contaminant data and getting the plume information. EPA knew the chemicals on site but not in the plume. Air monitoring was completed but no water or soil sampling. There is a retaining wall in front of the tanks. MGP indicated runoff from the water deluge went into a local creek. KDHE will be doing the sampling.

There was a hotline with a toxicologist set up and Cory with ATSDR was there to assist. Cory was not allowed to answer health related questions. Around 11:30 the City of Atchinson posted an "all clear" on facebook.

See emails from Joe Davis from Friday evening and Saturday morning for more information, or contact Paul Doherty.